

NEW CASTLE COUNTY BICYCLE MAP

GET THERE SAFELY Know your responsibilities

Share the road. Don't assume motorists can see you.
Never ride against traffic
3C's: Courtesy, Caution, Common sense
Follow signs and signals

Be responsible
Be visible
Be predictable
Be defensive
Be equipped

The Helmet Law

Children under the age of 16 must wear a helmet while bicycling or in a trailer or bike seat. The helmet law also led to the formation of a bicycle helmet bank to provide free helmets to children who cannot afford to buy them. Helmets are available through the public schools, or you can contact the DeIDOT bicycle coordinator at 302-760-2453.

Commuting Tips:

- Choose a route in advance.
- Have the right equipment.
- Know in advance where you plan to park.
- Park in a well-lit, active location.
- Know the rules of the road.

BIKES ON BUSES, TRAINS AND FERRIES

Bringing a bicycle on a bus can be a great time saver to a weary bicyclist, or a welcome relief from the heat or rain. Listed below is information for bicycle friendly transit service in Delaware.

Crossing the Delaware by bus or ferry

Three Forts Ferry
www.threeforts.com • (302) 834-7941

The Three Forts Ferry runs seasonally between Delaware City and Fort Mott, NJ during the months of April through September. The ferry runs Wednesday through Sunday. Groups of 6 or more must call ahead to notify the crew. This is the only river crossing between south of Philadelphia and north of Lewes DE. The round trip fare is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children. Bicycles are not allowed on Pea Patch Island.



Cape May - Lewes Ferry (Sussex County)
(800) 64-Ferry
www.capemay-lewesferry.com • In NJ (609) 886-1725 • In DE (302) 426-1155

New Jersey Transit Buses
(609) 343-7174 • www.njtransit.com

New Jersey Transit bus route 423 carries bicycles on weekdays (3-4 round trips). In Wilmington, the bus stop at Rodney Square and the Wilmington Bus Terminal. In New Jersey, the bus stops at the Pennsville Shopping Center.

Bikes on Transit

DART First State Bike and Bus
www.dartfirststate.org • **(800) 652-DART**

The 301 bus carries bicycles between Dover, Smyrna and Wilmington. This service is especially convenient for cyclists wanting to take one way bike trips into the southern part of the county from Wilmington. The bus travels on Delaware 1, stopping at select park and rides. These park and rides are noted on the map. Bicycles may be placed in the luggage bay of the bus. The one-way fare between Wilmington and Dover is \$4.50. The 305 Bus offers service between Wilmington and Rehoboth Beach Friday through Sunday. In addition, all buses in Kent and Sussex County have bicycle racks mounted on the front of them.



DART's Pedal and Park Program
(800) 652-DART

Bike lockers are available at several park and ride locations. When you can't take your bike on a bus, and you don't want to bike all the way to work, you can park your bike in a secure locker. There is a \$10 key deposit for this service.

SEPTA Regional Rail, R2 Line
www.septa.org • **(215) 580-7800**

SEPTA carries bicycles on all off-peak directio trains. The R2 line from Philadelphia serves Claymont, Wilmington, Churchman's Crossing (Fairplay) and Newark. Saturday service only stops at Claymont and Wilmington. There is no Sunday service.



Amtrak
www.amtrak.com • **(800) USA-RAIL**

Certain Amtrak trains have baggage cars and carry boxed bicycles for a fee from Wilmington Train Station. The Twilight Shoreliner has bicycle racks and carries un-boxed bicycles for a \$5 fee. Otherwise, bicycle boxes are available at the Wilmington Station for \$12.

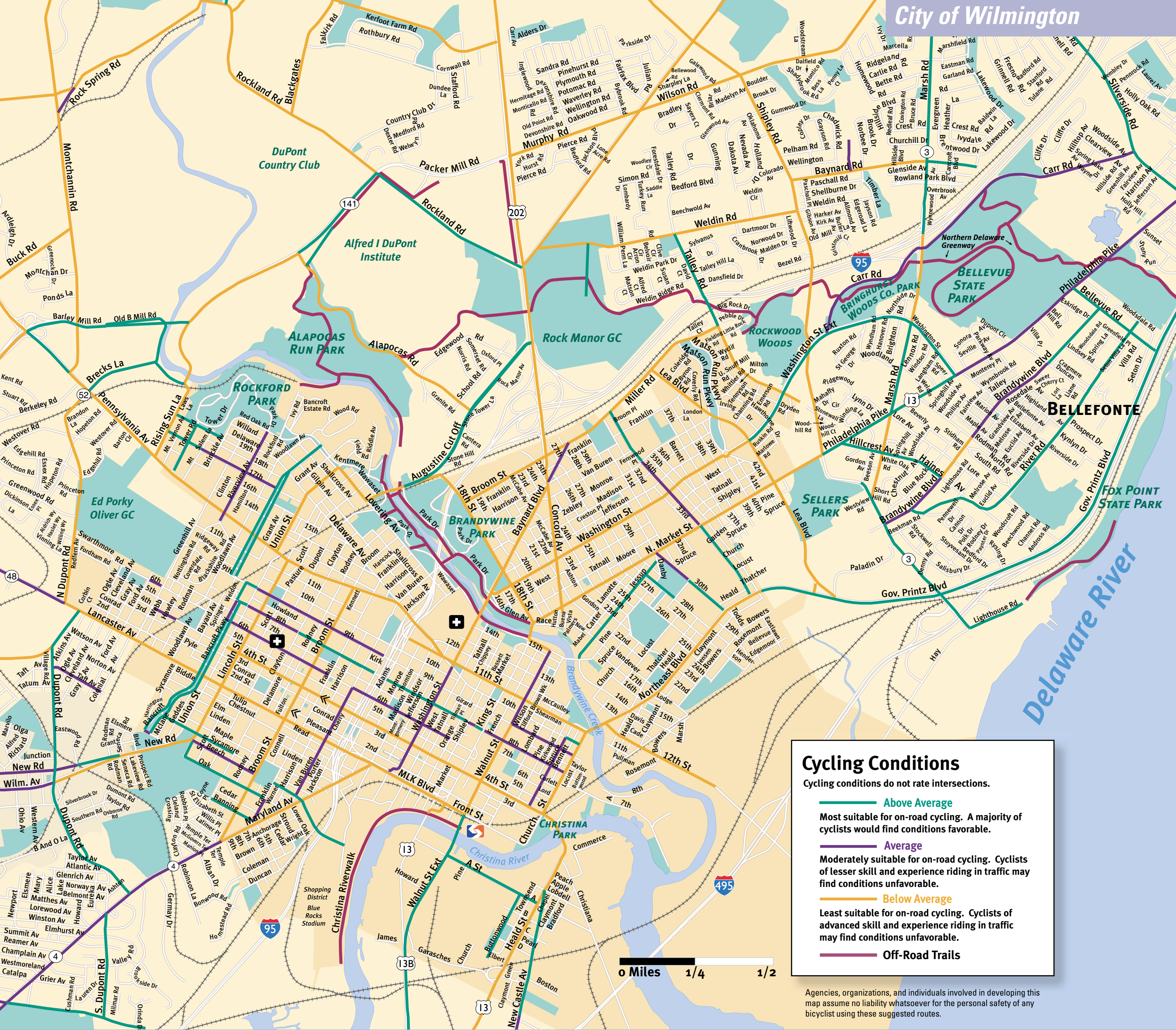


Greyhound and Peter Pan Bus Service
www.greyhound.com • **(800) 231-2222**

These bus companies carry bicycles between Wilmington, New York, Washington and certain points in New England on a space available basis. The front wheel must be removed and bicycles may need to be boxed if there is limited space.



City of Wilmington



Cycling Conditions

Cycling conditions do not rate intersections.

- Above Average**
Most suitable for on-road cycling. A majority of cyclists would find conditions favorable.
- Average**
Moderately suitable for on-road cycling. Cyclists of lesser skill and experience riding in traffic may find conditions unfavorable.
- Below Average**
Least suitable for on-road cycling. Cyclists of advanced skill and experience riding in traffic may find conditions unfavorable.
- Off-Road Trails**

Agencies, organizations, and individuals involved in developing this map assume no liability whatsoever for the personal safety of any bicyclist using these suggested routes.

BICYCLE RESOURCES



Bike Clubs

Bicycle Clubs offer a variety of beginner rides for members and non-members. The routes are generally pre-planned and led by a ride leader. This is a great way to explore the region and meet other cyclists. Helmets are always required on club rides.

New Castle County Bicycle Clubs

- White Clay Bicycle Club** www.whiteclaybicycle.org
- Biking Blue Hens**
- Delaware Trail Spinners** www.trailspinners.org
- Toucan Tandem Bicycle Club** toucans.de.tripod.com
- Down State Delaware Striders** www.ddsr.org
- Racing Teams**
- Dunbars Cyclery/Buckley Photo**
- First State Velo Sport**
- Team Delaware**

New Castle County Bicycle Shops

- Dunbars Cyclery, Wilmington** (302) 764-5802
- Wooden Wheels, Newark** (302) 368-8406
- Henry's Bikes, Wilmington** (302) 654-0361
- Alan's Bicycles, Wilmington** (302) 478-0990
- Bike Line, Wilmington** (302) 479-9438
- New Castle Bicycle Shop, New Castle** (302) 328-3166
- Tony's Bicycles, New Castle** (302) 323-1612
- Bike Line, Newark** (302) 368-8779

Other Statewide Resources

- Delaware Tourism Office**
(800) 441-8846
(302) 739-4271
www.state.de.us/tourism.htm
- Delaware State Parks**
(302) 739-6702
www.destateparks.com
- DeIDOT Bicycling Guide**
(302) 760-2453
- Delaware Bicycle Council**
P.O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19903
- Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau**
(302) 652-4088
Fax: (302) 652-4726
Web: www.wilmvcvb.org
- Historic New Castle Visitors Bureau**
(302) 322-8411
Fax: (302) 322-8557
Web: www.visitnewcastle.com
- Delaware State Chamber of Commerce**
(302) 655-7221 or (800) 292-9507
Fax: (302) 654-0691
Web: www.dscc.com
- New Castle County Chamber of Commerce**
(302) 737-4343
Fax: (302) 737-8450
Web: www.nccccc.com

For links to clubs and events, visit:
www.deldot.net/bike

ANNUAL EVENTS

- March – Icicle Metric Century**
- May – Bike to Work Week**
- July – Delaware Doublecross**
- August – The Shore Fire Century**
- September – The Twin Centuries, Amish Country Tour**
- October – The Savage Century**



BIKE ROUTES & GREENWAYS

Bicycle Route 1
The Delaware's first statewide signed bicycle route, this 150-mile route alignment was identified as a preferred north-south route by local cycling groups. It extends from the Brandywine Creek State Park in New Castle County to the Delaware/Maryland border on the Atlantic Ocean in Sussex County. At the Pennsylvania Border, Bicycle Route 1 connects with Bicycle PA Route 1 (www.delt.state.pa.us). Bicycle Route One includes a wide variety of existing roadways, including 10-foot wide county lanes, residential streets, rural roads, and state numbered high-speed highways. The route is signed with a green and white oval shaped bike route sign, enabling cyclists to follow its length easily.

Northern Delaware Greenway www.delawaregreenways.org
The Northern Delaware Greenway is a network of open spaces and trails connecting parkland into a ribbon of green from Fox Point State Park on the Delaware River to the Brandywine River and the City of Wilmington. The greenway links community residents to important local and regional destinations, such as parks, historic sites, corporate business centers, shops, schools, museums, libraries, and tourist attractions.

Chesapeake & Delaware (C&D) Canal Greenway
The C&D Canal Greenway crosses the state from Delaware City, along the Delaware River, to Chesapeake City, Maryland. It can be accessed on both the north and south sides of the Canal, and it connects to Lums Pond State Park.

Coastal Heritage Greenway (Northern Section)
The northern section of the Coastal Heritage Greenway celebrates the diverse history of Delaware's waterfront from colonial settlement in the 17th century to industrialization in the 20th century. Evidence of colonial settlement, industrial development, coastal defense and maritime heritage remains along Delaware's coast from the historic cities of Wilmington and New Castle to Fort Delaware on Pea Patch Island and the old port towns of Delaware City and Port Penn.

RECREATION

DELAWARE STATE PARK FACILITIES | www.destateparks.com | (302) 739-4702

	Trails	Restrooms	Drinking Water	Refreshments	Picnic Tables	Picnic Pavilions	Nature Center	Shower	Camping	Fishing	Playing Fields
State Parks											
Fox Point	(302) 761-6963	•	•	•	•	•					
Bellevue	(302) 761-6963	•	•	•	•	•					•
White Clay Creek	(302) 368-6900	•	•	•	•	•					•
Fort Delaware	(302) 834-7941	•	•	•	•	•					
Fort Dupont	(302) 834-7941	•	•	•	•	•					
Lums Pond	(302) 368-6989	•	•	•	•	•					
Brandywine Creek	(302) 577-3534	•	•	•	•	•					
Wilmington Parks (302) 577-7020											
Brandywine	•	•									•
Rockford	•	•									•
H. Fletcher Brown	•										
Alapocas Run	•										

DELAWARE BICYCLE LAWS

A bicycle is recognized as a vehicle, and a cyclist must abide by the same laws as the driver of any other vehicle. The list below represents a condensed and incomplete summary of current laws. For more specific laws, please refer to www.deldot.net/bike.

- One rider per bike, unless designed otherwise
- Attaching to another vehicle is prohibited
- Use both hands while riding
- When turning left, operate with traffic or walk bike as a pedestrian
- Use hand signals to indicate turns
- Ride on the right, except when passing another vehicle, turning left, or avoiding slow vehicles, animals and hazardous surfaces
- Ride two abreast within a single lane but do not obstruct other traffic
- If operating a bicycle on sidewalk, do not obstruct pedestrian traffic
- A uniformed officer may stop a cyclist that is suspected of unsafe or improper equipment
- While riding at night, use a white front headlight and rear red reflector. Be visible from both sides using reflective material
- Bicycle shall be equipped with brakes capable of stopping within 25 ft from 10 mph speed
- Ear plugs and headsets covering both ears are prohibited